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In re Application of	:	
Johnson et al.	:	
Application No. 10/676,450	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 30, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket Number: IL-11198	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 15, 2007 which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action of August 25, 2006, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before November 25, 2006.

Petitioner states that a timely reply was mailed via certificate of mailing on February 26, 2007 which included the following papers: amendment, and request for a three month extension of time (accompanying fee). Petitioner has provided a copy of the response which contains a certificate of mailing dated February 26, 2007. The reply is deemed timely based on the fact that February 25, 2007 fell on a Sunday.

Review of the file record shows the originally submitted reply sent on February 26, 2007 was received in the Office on March 5, 2007. Thus the original reply has been located.

Accordingly, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Office action of August 25, 2006 is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

This application is being referred to art unit 2613 for appropriate action in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlema R. Grant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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